

# **CITY COMMISSION**

## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

September 28, 2021

6:15 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Commissioners Chilton, Copeland, Estrop, O'Neill, and Rue; City Manager Heck.

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### **HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:**

The following was discussed at the September 28, 2021, work session:

1. City Manager Heck presented information pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to provide \$1.9 trillion in additional relief to states, cities, and counties in response to COVID-19. The City of Springfield anticipates a direct allocation of \$44,230,364 and received the first allocation of \$22,115,182 on June 1, 2021.

Mr. Heck reviewed the U.S. Treasury's guidance on permissible uses of the funding which includes support of the public health response and water/sewer infrastructure among others. Staff reviewed possible uses of the funding that would meet the City Commission's adopted goals and objectives, address critical infrastructure needs of the community, and be long-term and sustainable investments for the community.

Mr. Heck reviewed four recommendations for projects using the ARPA funds: (1) Construction of Three Fire Stations, (2) Plaza Renovations, (3) Water/Sewer Projects, and (4) Affordable Housing/Displaced Individuals Assistance. Each of the projects were reviewed with background information on need, price, and timeline for completion. The total of the four projects was estimated at \$44 million.

Discussion of the projects included concerns for completion dates with respect to supply chain and pricing when other organizations are also attempting large projects during the allotted time period. Discussion also addressed critical affordable housing programs and solutions for individuals and families displaced due to the pandemic and other situations.

2. On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Adj. 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill R. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill R. Pierce, Clerk of the City Commission